GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3108
ANSWERED ON:10.08.2001
WATCHLIST OF SUPER
IQBAL AHMED SARADGI

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(

(a) whether the United States of America has placed India, European Union, Japan and 10 other countries on the `watchlist` of Super 301 and Special 301 provisions of its trade law for imposing `unfair` trade barriers on American products or for violation of intellectual property rights;

(b) if so, the likely effect of this Super 301 and Special 301 watchlist on the Indian trade; (

(c) whether India has lodged a protest against this move; and (

(d) if so, the reaction of the American Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (d) : In the 2001 Section 301 report of the United States Trade Representative 16 trading partners of the US, including India and the European Union (EU) have been placed under the category of `priority watch list`.No legal consequences follow from the placing of any country by the US either in the `watch list` or in the `priority watch list`.